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SUBJ: INDIAN DELEGATION TO UNGA

1. SAMACHAR REPORTED ON SEPTEMBER 18 THAT THE GOI  
DELEGATION TO THE 31ST UNGA WILL BE COMPOSED OF:

A. Y.B. CHAVAN, MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,  
WILL LEAD THE DELEGATION.

B. PREM KHANDU THUMGOM, 29, CHIEF MINISTER OF  
ARUNACHAL PRADESH SINCE AUGUST 1975 WHEN THE CABINET  
SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT WAS INTRODUCED IN THE TERRITORY.  
KNOWN TO BE CLOSE TO SANJAY GANDHI.

C. BARKAT ALI KHAN CHOUDHURY, 50, WEST BENGAL  
MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER, SINCE MARCH 1972.  
HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
SINCE 1952. HE ALSO IS KNOWN TO BE CLOSE TO SANJAY  
GANDHI AND WAS ACTIVE IN THE RECENT MOVEMENT TO OUST  
CHIEF MINISTER S.S. RAY. SINCE HE HOLDS THE IRRIGA-  
TION PORTFOLIO, CHOUDHURY IS LIKELY TO BE ACTIVE IN  
ANY DEBATE ON THE FARAKKA BARRAGE ISSUE.

D. MRS MARGARET ALVA, 34, MEMBER OF THE RAJYA  
SABHA FROM KARNATAKA SINCE 1974. SINCE JANUARY 1976  
SHE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE THREE JOINT SECRETARIES OF  
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THE CONGRESS PARTY, BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEPART-

MENTS OF STUDENT AFFAIRS, MINORITIES, AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

E. B.N. PANDA, 54, CONGRESS MEMBER OF THE RAJYA SABHA FROM ORISSA SINCE 1967. A JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR, HE HAS BEEN CONNECTED WITH SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS THE INDO-SOVIET AND INDO-GDR FRIENDSHIP SOCIETIES.

F. K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN, RP, CONGRESS MP (LOK SABHA) FROM KERALA. HE IS KNOWN FOR HIS LEFTIST VIEWS AND WAS FORMERLY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN NEW DELHI FOR THE MALAYALAM DAILY MATHRUBHUMI.

G. VIRBHADRA SINGH, 42, CONGRESS MP (LOK SABHA) FROM HIMACHAL PRADESH SINCE 1962. HE IS THE SON OF THE LAST RAJA OF BUSHAHR. ALTHOUGH AN ACKNOWLEDGED LEFTIST, SINGH HAS BEEN FRIENDLY WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS.

H. REVEREND T.A. MATHIAS, 57, A JESUIT PRIEST AND GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE ALL-INDIA ASSOCIATION FOR CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION. REV MATHIAS WAS A MEMBER OF THE INDIAN DELEGATION AT THE LAST UNGA.

2. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION (ALL FROM THE MEA) ARE: JAGAT MEHTA, FOREIGN SECRETARY; M.A. VELLODI, JOINT SECRETARY OF THE EASTERN DIVISION; AND N.P. JAIN, JOINT SECRETARY FOR UN AFFAIRS. SAMACHAR ADDED THAT B.C. MISHRA, INDIAN PERMREP TO THE UN OFFICES IN GENEVA, WILL ALSO ATTEND THE UNGA. VELLODI AND JAIN ARE ALREADY IN NEW YORK. MEHTA WILL GO TO NEW YORK LATER IN THE SESSION, PROBABLY TOWARD THE END OF OCTOBER.  
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